

Sun 19 Dec

Dear Mom & Dad,

Light snow is falling; fortunately it didn't start until about noon after we had returned from our run around the neighborhood. One to three inches is forecast and so soon after the several inches we had last Sunday. The snow is pretty but I don't enjoy scraping the windshield and jogging on icy streets.

It was nice of you to call last night. One of your letters was in the box and I'm sure the others will trickle in. This afternoon we are reading and I am baking cookies for my lunches. Yesterday we ran a race around Hains Point. We've invited several people over after the annual 10K race on New Year's day. Since the day before is a holiday I will bake bread and we will put together a giant lasagna using our homemade noodles. We hope Mary, Mike, and Siare can come. Of course we will be over there on Christmas and at the Sanchez' in Stahlpen on New Year's Eve.

I'm glad Dad got a computer and I'm sure he'll enjoy it a long time. I find it so frustrating to have so much capability and so little time to program! I've enclosed a sample printout of my budget program which I will start in January. I've already revised it three times.

It's too bad Bell is confined in the nursing home. Remember you can always live with us as long as you want.

Please say hello to all the relatives for us. I would like to visit but can't schedule anything yet. Mary seems determined to go ahead with the CPA exam so maybe you will be forced to fly back here in the Spring. This is a good time to be away - the latest forecast says 3-5 inches by morning.

Love,

Jim & Vickie